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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Mrs. TOM X has been in daily contact with Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH NOVOTNY but TOM X has not been at NOVOTNY residence because of difficulty with Mrs. TOM X which occurred at NOVOTNY residence. GREGORY PATOFF arrived New York 4/26/44 after having arranged to go direct to NOVOTNY residence upon arrival in order to meet seeing his wife whom he says left New York on 4/26/44 and in order to be with Mrs. TOM X. TOM X made no contacts of importance but on 4/22/44 prepared Message #10-1944 which was received from Bureau with instructions it be sent by TOM X to his German principals. Secret message deals with European invasion. Innocuous letter transmitting secret message was addressed to Sales-Polo and signed PATRIC MARTY. Pertinent conversations of Mrs. TOM X while in California reported by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] Conversation of Mrs. TOM X indicates she has known Countess RAISSA VAN DE KERCHOVE DE HALLERBAST since they were girls. TOM X does not identify photograph of ERIC RUDOLPH ADLER as anyone known to him. Wife of PEDRO JORGE PRIGATO is an applicant for U. S. visa. Laboratory report of examination of writing on back of microphotographs delivered to TOM X by Germans adds nothing material.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File [REDACTED]
Report of Special Agent Robert A. Maheu dated April 25, 1944 at New York, New York.

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DETAILS:

POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF JOHN Y IN THE
UNITED STATES

By Bureau letter dated April 15, 1944, the New York Office was advised that under date of April 7 and April 8, 1944 the Bureau received information from a most secret source that JOHN Y, a radio operator known to TOM X was intended to proceed from Paris, France to Lisbon, Portugal on April 12, 1944 for the purpose of obtaining a visa to enter the United States. According to the Bureau's source, JOHN Y has been described by the Germans as absolutely reliable and proven over a number of years.

The Bureau has made arrangements for JOHN Y to be granted the necessary papers and permission to proceed to the United States in the event he does file an application for a United States visa in Lisbon, Portugal. The Bureau has also arranged to be advised promptly of all details as to the JOHN Y visa from Lisbon.

In view of the extremely confidential nature of the source of this information and of the information itself, neither the source nor the information should be divulged to any individual or organization outside the Bureau.

The above information regarding JOHN Y is not being furnished to TOM X at this time.

By letter dated June 22, 1943, the Bureau advised that:

Under date of June 30, 1942, Paul Jean Marie Cavaillez, who was born July 28, 1902, at France, made an application at the American Consulate, Nice, France, for the purpose of traveling to the United States. His sponsors were Jean Francois Joseph Pastour, who was born in France in 1894 and at the time of the application resided at 1 Place Mace, Antibes, Alpes Maritimes, France; and Henry Barillet, who was born in France in 1895 and resided at La Grangette, Chemin de Lorraine, Antibes, France. Both sponsors are listed as friends of Cavaillez, and Barillet is shown to be a physician specializing in X-ray.

According to the case history, the applicant was single and

"had no relatives in the United States or abroad. He received a diploma as an electrical engineer at the Institut--Electro-Technique of Grenoble. From 1930 to 1932 he was engaged in the construction and exploitation of the Antipolis Theater at Antibes, France. From 1930 to 1939 he was managing director of a garage at Antibes and was mobilized in 1939 as a Lieutenant-Pilot in the French Air Force. He was demobilized at Antibes in 1940.

" The case history further points out that the applicant planned to reside in Washington, D. C., 'to exploit a patent with the National Inventors Council and the War Department, at Washington, D. C. regarding an invention for the landing of airplanes without visibility.' Biographical data submitted by the applicant stated that Commander Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., and Sergeant J. Cook, United States Army, Boyle Field, are interested in his admission. He did not indicate any political affiliations or activities.

" On July 17, 1942, an Interdepartmental Committee considered the application of Cavalliez for an immigration visa and rendered a unanimously unfavorable opinion. The finding of the Committee in this instance was as follows:

" 'This case involves a native born citizen of France, thirty-nine years of age, who was a pilot in the French Air Forces, and was demobilized in 1940. It appears that he has no relatives or friends in the United States to whom he could appeal for affidavits, and accordingly he is sponsored by two French nationals residing in France. The Committee unanimously recommends unfavorable action in this case on the grounds that the applicant is not properly sponsored pursuant to the requirements of Section 58.56. The Committee is likewise of the opinion that the applicant, especially in view of his military service, could not get permission to depart from France without making commitments which would be inimical to the welfare of this country.

" 'The applicant alleges that it is his desire to exploit in the United States certain aviation patents and declares that officers in the army and navy are for this reason interested in his admission. The statements in this regard are not substantiated by any documentary evidence.

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" 'Searches have been conducted by all agencies and no information has been disclosed.'

" Information received further reveals that on July 31, 1942, an Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee considered the application of Cavaillez for a permanent residence visa. The opinion as set forth at this time is as follows:

"OPINION(S):

" 'This case was previously considered by Interdepartmental Committee No. II, on July 17, 1942 and was unanimously recommended for unfavorable action.

" 'It is now presented to this Division for reconsideration and review without a hearing as the applicant and the sponsors are not residing within the United States.

" 'This Division unanimously recommends unfavorable action under the provisions of Section 58.47 (J), 58.56, and Section 23 of the Immigration Act of 1924 for the following reasons:

" 'The applicant in this case is a male citizen and native of France, thirty-nine years of age, who has seen active service in the French Air Forces from 1933 until August 22, 1940, at which time he was demobilized in accordance with the armistice agreement between France and Germany.

" 'The applicant claims to have no close relatives or friends in the United States and claims to have no close relatives in Europe. The applicant is his own biographer and the two 'C' sponsors are both nationals of France who have never been in the United States. At the present time, the applicant is residing at Nice, France from which place he desires to immigrate to the United States. He claims to have in his possession a French passport bearing an exit visa authorized by the Ministry of the Interior at Vichy, France, issued to him in September 1941 which is valid for traveling to the United States, via Spain and Portugal. His purpose of coming to the United States is to 'exploit a patent with the National Inventors Council and the War Department at Washington, D. C. regarding an invention for the landing of airplanes without visibility.'

" 'This Division believes that it would be extremely unlikely

"that the applicant would be permitted to come to the United States in view of his French nationality, his military age, his previous long service in the French Airforces, and the nature of his purpose in coming to the United States. If in view of the above, the applicant were permitted to come to the United States after leaving France, it would appear that he would have had to make certain commitments to the French authorities which would necessarily be detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

" 'Although there is a waiver form in this case, the Division feels, that in view of the circumstances, it would be protecting the best interests of this Country for this Division not to accept sponsorship by these French nationals whom we know nothing about.

" 'This Division also desired to point out, although it appears that the applicant's intention in coming to the United States is to assist this Government with the patent which would be vital to our Government, there is no documentary evidence whatsoever from anyone in this Country confirming the statements made by the applicant and his sponsors.

"RECOMMENDATION:

" 'This Division unanimously recommends unfavorable action.'"

On page three in the report of Special Agent George E. Davis dated March 17, 1944 at Washington, D. C., there is quoted an RCA Radiogram dated July 22, 1942 from JOHN Y to the National Inventors Council, Washington, D. C., the last line of which reads as follows:

"Would appreciate your efforts my behalf with State Department for immediate examination by immigration visa application forwarded by Nice consulate December 4."

By letter dated April 14, 1944 the Washington Field Office was

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requested to ascertain whether or not JOHN Y actually filed an additional application for a United States visa at the Consulate at Nice, France on December 4, 1944 as indicated in the above quoted telegram.

By letter dated April 20, 1944, the Washington Field Division advised that the files of the Visa Division, United States Department of State, failed to disclose another application for a visa made either before or after June 30, 1942, the only date showing an application by JOHN Y for a visa to enter the United States. It was also ascertained that the file of the Visa Division contained no information concerning JOHN Y in addition to that which already has been reported.

By letter dated April 21, 1944, the Bureau forwarded a report dated April 8, 1944 at Buenos Aires, Argentina which report reflected the following information obtained from a review of the []

[] A copy of the file is available in the New York files of instant case.

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Under date of September 9, 1942 CAVAILLEZ filed a []

[] This []
[] were filed with the []

It should be noted that COSTES left France and entered Spain on September 8, 1942 and sent a cable to LACARRERE regarding CAVAILLEZ on September 10, 1942 from Barcelona, Spain. This [] indicates that CAVAILLEZ was born July 28, 1902 at Blouis (Lair et Cher), France; that he is a textile engineer by profession; that he is single; a Catholic; has no physical defects or ailments; has no relatives in Argentina or outside of France. His places of residence during the past five years are listed as:

- 1) La Buiese pris Grenoble (Isere)
(until August of 1939)
- 2) Official Pilot Aviator (during war 1939 - 1940)
- 3) 2 Place Marichal Petain, Antibes, France
(address as of September 9, 1942)

In his [] CAVAILLEZ says he intends to live in Buenos Aires, Argentina and work as a textile engineer in the establishment of CARLOS LOPEZ LACARRERE, Calle Guido 1544, Buenos Aires. CAVAILLEZ further

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states in this application that his personal wealth is 2,000,000 francs.

Under date of September 10, 1942 this [] is endorsed with an [] which states that in view of his declared profession, permission could be granted him to enter Argentina provided he proves his status as a textile engineer and shows a transfer to Buenos Aires of the 2,000,000 francs which CAVAILLEZ declared.

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Efforts were made to request information of JUAN CARLOS LOPEZ LACARRERE regarding CAVAILLEZ, in November, 1942, but due to an error in the address to which the communication was sent, LACARRERE received no such inquiry until he received the letter dated December 5, 1942 hereinabove quoted. It should be noted that in the inquiries addressed to LACARRERE which were not delivered because of an incorrect address, LACARRERE was advised that the inquiries were being made of him because CAVAILLEZ had said he would be employed by the Establishment of CARLOS LOPEZ LACARRERE upon arrival in Argentina. In the letter to LACARRERE dated December 5, 1942 it is stated that the inquiry is made of LACARRERE because CAVAILLEZ had given the [] the name of LACARRERE as a person of his acquaintance in Argentina.

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After the receipt of the letter dated December 5, 1942, above quoted, LACARRERE responded by his letter of December 10, 1942 above quoted,

Under date of December 14, 1942 the [] addressed a "disposition" to the [] France directing that CAVAILLEZ be granted a visa to enter the Argentine provided he first establish that he is actually a textile engineer and provided he deposit to his order in the [] 2,000,000 francs. This "disposition" was apparently transmitted by letter dated December 14, 1942. The letter last above mentioned is stamped February 8, 1943, indicating that it was probably returned to the [] on that date undelivered.

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Under date of February 10, 1943 the note hereinabove quoted was addressed to LACARRERE instructing that he call and advise whether he desired the permit for CAVAILLEZ sent by cable or airmail inasmuch as it had been sent to France by boat and returned. This advice to LACARRERE under date of February 10, 1943 was apparently sent to him by Registered Mail.

Under date of March 12, 1943 LACARRERE responded to the letter

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last above mentioned. The letter of March 12, 1943 is on the stationery of the Hotel Nogaro-Casino, Punta del Este, Uruguay and was apparently mailed from that place. In this letter LACARRERE explains his receipt of the note from the [redacted] dated February 10, 1943 and his inability to answer it or appear personally in the [redacted] in response to the note because LACARRERE is on a trip. LACARRERE requests that the [redacted] permit DIEUDONNE COSTES to act in his stead in the CAVAILLEZ matter and requests that COSTES be permitted to defray the expense of a telegram to the [redacted]

Under date of March 16, 1943 the [redacted] authorized the issuance of a duplicate of the permit originally issued December 14, 1942 in favor of CAVAILLEZ. This duplicate was apparently issued in cable form on March 16, 1943. DIEUDONNE COSTES apparently [redacted] signed a receipt for this duplicate cable permit on March 17, 1943 and caused this cable permit to be filed with the [redacted]. This cable was directed to the [redacted] France is translated as follows:

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"File #18380/42. Paul Jean Marie Cavailliez, French, 40 years old, has permission to enter this country. In accordance with existing regulations, proving satisfactorily that he is a textile engineer, and presenting a draft against the [redacted] to his order for 2,000,000 francs. He will pay Consular fees corresponding to the issuance of a passport."

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Under date of March 19, 1943 the [redacted] directed a letter to the [redacted] advising that the cable they attempted to send the [redacted] France was held up by the telegraph office at the point of destination for the reason that the only messages which can be put through are those sent as official dispatches to Vichy.

Under date of March 23, 1943 DIEUDONNE COSTES, formally and in writing, filed a request that the CAVAILLEZ permit be sent through the [redacted] France for delivery to the [redacted]. This request was referred by the [redacted] and under date of April 12, 1943 the [redacted] ordered that the CAVAILLEZ permit and information concerning the same be transmitted to the [redacted] France.

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The only other information in the file is an exchange of letters between the [] dated April 26th and April 27th, 1943 regarding the refunding of the money paid by COSTES to [] for transmitting the cable above mentioned.

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Informants at Buenos Aires who supplied the above file assured that it is complete. It can readily be seen from the above information that there is no indication that CAVAILLEZ actually received the Argentine visa or complied with the provision that he was to deposit 2,000,000 francs in [] Records of the [] have been searched for information as to CAVAILLEZ and an account in his name with negative results.

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At New York, New York

This report will cover the activities of Mr. and Mrs. TOM X from April 20th, 1944 to April 26th, 1944.

DAILY ACTIVITIES OF MR. and MRS. TOM X

The following resume of the activities of Mr. and Mrs. TOM X was prepared from surveillance logs submitted by Special Agents DANIEL T. McLAUGHLIN, HENRY N. MARTIN, WYNN M. BENNETT, Jr., PAUL W. WALTZ, and NICHOLAS M. KALMES, as well as reports furnished by Confidential Informants [] and [] and the information submitted by ROBERT A. MARCHAND, whose identity is known to the Bureau:

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April 20th, 1944

TOM X and wife spent the entire morning in their apartment at the St. Hubert Hotel. TOM X advised ROBERT A. MARCHAND that if the latter had any work to do he, TOM X, would appreciate doing it on April 20th or 22nd, 1944 as he would be busy on the 21st. TOM X prepared lunch. He and his wife ate.

In the latter part of the afternoon TOM X left the apartment to get his hair cut and purchased groceries. He immediately returned to the St. Hubert Hotel and then proceeded to a hardware store to purchase a dishpan and again purchased groceries along the route.

During the evening both Mr. and Mrs. TOM X remained in their apartment, and packed away some belongings which had been received in their baggage.

During the day confidential informants submitted reports concerning the activities of Mr. and Mrs. TOM X the pertinent details of which are as follows:

Mrs. TOM X spoke to Countess RAISSA VAN DE KERCHOVE DE HALLERAST, the details of which are set forth later in instant report under a heading bearing the name of the Countess.

RATOFF informed Mrs. TOM X that he would be in New York Wednesday, April 26th, 1944 and that he did not want to see his wife, nor his mother

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at that time. He advised that his wife was leaving New York at 5:00 PM that afternoon and if she should learn of his presence she would not depart. He told Mrs. TOM X to advise Mrs. NOVOTNY of his intention and that he would go immediately to the NOVOTNY residence from the station. RATOFF assured Mrs. TOM X that TOM X will not be able to regain his wealth; that he, RATOFF, had written eight letters to Mrs. TOM X during the last two days. RATOFF reiterated that HACOVER had advised him that TOM X spent his time with a French woman while Mrs. TOM X was with him, RATOFF, in California. He told Mrs. TOM X that he expects to get a large sum of money upon arrival at New York and promised to buy everything for her. She in turn promises to remain with him for the rest of her life.

Mrs. TOM X advised Mrs. NOVOTNY that TOM X is again rude to her and that RATOFF promised to buy her everything for her and Mrs. NOVOTNY.

April 21st, 1944

In the morning TOM X remained in his apartment until 11:30 A.M. at which time he proceeded to the French Bazaar at 666 Sixth Avenue, where household and kitchen wares were for sale. He then returned to the St. Hubert Hotel, entering his apartment at 12:30 P.M. He reprimanded Mrs. TOM X for not putting things in their place. He remained in the apartment all afternoon, excepting two occasions when he left for a short while and went to the Champion Shoe Shop and the Park South Market, respectively.

At 6:00 P.M. ROBERT MARCHAND made an appointment with TOM X for the following morning at 10:00 A.M.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. TOM X entertained the NOVOTNYS, Mrs. ~~RATOFF~~, mother of GREGORY RATOFF and Mrs. BISHKOVITCH in their apartment.

During the day certain activities of Mrs. TOM X were noted by confidential informants and the pertinent parts thereof are as follows:

Mrs. TOM X and Mrs. NOVOTNY decided to go to the bank for money the following morning.

Mrs. TOM X informed GREGORY RATOFF that TOM X was still in the house and RATOFF stated that he is thinking constantly of Mrs. TOM X. Mrs. TOM X ascertained that her husband was not listening and added that her husband is annoying her. She and RATOFF exchanged endearments and she promised to be at Mrs. NOVOTNY's on April 26, 1944 very early and spend the entire day with RATOFF. She advised that TOM X may leave for somewhere on Saturday. RATOFF then stated that he must be a

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gentleman towards his wife since he lived with her for twenty two years; that he is thinking of the future and that Mrs. TOM X must leave for Hollywood in answer to the letter sent her by MARY BRAN. He added that he expected MARY BRAN that day and he would send a check to LISICHKINA (singing teacher of Mrs. TOM X).

Mrs. TOM X asked RATOFF not to be saddened and advised that her husband had now left the apartment. RATOFF asked Mrs. TOM X to tell his mother to reserve her room for RATOFF since he intends to use same for himself and Mrs. TOM X. He added that Mrs. WARNER told him she knows that he is madly in love with Mrs. TOM X. They again exchange endearment. Mrs. TOM X informed RATOFF that she was already in bed, that she had received his letter and thinks constantly of him. He inquired if his mother's room had been reserved for him and Mrs. TOM X. replied in the affirmative, advising that TOM X was leaving early the following day for some business.

April 22nd, 1944

In the morning TOM X asked his wife why she did not want to talk to him and she replied it is because he only wants to get mad at her.

TOM X proceeded to 271 Madison Avenue where he met ROBERT A. MARCHAND in Room 1205 and worked on Message #10-1944, the details of which will be set forth later in this report. TOM X then returned to the St. Hubert Hotel.

In the afternoon Mrs. TOM X went to the Elsa Higgins Dress Shop where she met Mrs. DAVENPORT and they went to the Kirby Allen Tea Shop at 66th Street and Madison Avenue. She left Mrs. DAVENPORT after an hour and returned to the St. Hubert Hotel, where she and TOM X remained for the entire evening.

Confidential informants have submitted the following reports concerning contacts made by Mrs. TOM X during the day mentioned above:

Mrs. TOM X informed Mrs. NOVOTNY that she needed money. Mrs. TOM X advised that she would have lunch with Mrs. DAVENPORT as the latter will be questioned and would like to speak to Mrs. TOM X about something important, adding that she, Mrs. TOM X and Mrs. DAVENPORT must tell the same story.

Mrs. TOM X informed GREGORY RATOFF that she was alone. GREGORY stated that he could not sleep at night; that he already has a ticket for New York. Mrs. TOM X replied that perhaps RATOFF's wife would refuse to grant him a divorce to which he answered that he has his wife's letter

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asking him for a divorce. Mrs. TOM X told RATOFF that she was very happy at the thought of seeing him soon and that perhaps TOM X will leave with a friend for a week-end of golf, thus leaving her alone. RATOFF said that he expects to remain in New York for about fifteen days and then go back to California.

April 23rd, 1944

TOM X spent the entire day in his apartment at the St. Hubert Hotel where he prepared meals, washed dishes and apparently busied himself arranging his baggage and contents thereof.

During the day, as ascertained by a confidential informant, Mrs. TOM X advised Mrs. NOVOTNY that TOM X was again offered money but he refused to accept it and that she called him a fool for refusing the money or position.

April 24th, 1944

TOM X spent all morning and afternoon in his apartment, cooking meals, and washing dishes.

At 2:00 P.M. Mrs. TOM X and Mrs. NOVOTNY left the apartment and proceeded to 44 Wall Street. Mrs. NOVOTNY displayed a check to the elevator starter and asked him where she could get it cashed. She was instructed to go to the Trans-American Corporation, Room 1009. The two women then went to 60th Street and Madison Avenue, where Mrs. NOVOTNY left Mrs. TOM X. The latter proceeded to the Custom Foot Wear Company, 71st Street and Madison Avenue, then went to 305 West 72nd Street, the address of her music teacher. Mrs. TOM X thereafter returned to the St. Hubert Hotel.

At 6:10 PM. TOM X left the St. Hubert Hotel and proceeded to the Park South Market on 59th Street and Seventh Avenue, where he purchased groceries. He immediately returned to the hotel.

At 9:35 PM. TOM X left the St. Hubert Hotel and walked to Sixth Avenue and 58th Street where he entered La Primadone Cigar Store, then returned to his apartment.

During the day as reported by confidential informants Mrs. TOM X was advised by Mrs. NOVOTNY that the latter had received a telegram

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from RATOFF advising that he would arrive Wednesday and probably will call from Chicago.

April 25th, 1944

Both TOM X and his wife spent the morning in the apartment and when TOM X advised her she should refrain from practising her music at that time; she ignored him completely and practised her singing at the piano.

At 4:15 P.M. TOM X left the Hotel and proceeded to 1790 Broadway, the address of the Czechoslovakian Consulate. TOM X left the above address with NOVOTNY and walked to 57th Street and Sixth Avenue where they parted. TOM X returned to the St. Hubert Hotel, purchasing groceries on the way.

During the evening TOM X and his wife remained home. He prepared dinner and washed the dishes. There was classical music on the radio practically all the time and no conversation ensued between TOM X and wife.

April 26th, 1944

TOM X remained in the apartment during the entire day and had a radio man come in to install an aerial. He was advised that the aerial would be one hundred fifty feet long.

At noon Mrs. TOM X proceeded to the residence of Mrs. RATOFF, mother of GREGORY RATOFF, at the Standish Hall Hotel. The two women came out of the Hotel and Mrs. TOM X kissed Mrs. RATOFF, then returned to the St. Hubert Hotel.

At 3:45 P.M. Mrs. TOM X went to the American Russian Music Corporation at 39 West 57th Street. She remained there for about an hour and then returned to the St. Hubert Hotel, stopping a few minutes at the Bettie Cohen Novelty Shop, 1369 Sixth Avenue.

During the pertinent period covered by instant report Mrs. TOM X was in constant touch with ZINA LISICHKINA, concerning her music, and individuals who could help her in her music endeavors. She made several social contacts with NADIA MITTINGTON and BASILIA LANNINO. She was in daily contact with Mrs. NOVOTNY, always discussing with her letters from RATOFF and her love affair with him. She was also in contact with Mrs. RATOFF, mother of GREGORY RATOFF, discussing GREGORY with her.

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b7EMESSAGE #10 - 1944

By Bureau letter dated April 17, 1944 there was set forth the following message which had been cleared by the combined Chiefs of Staff, and which suggested that TCM X include the contents thereof in an early letter to his principals:

Item No. 1

"Republican members of Congress are actively spearheading an anti-Administration Fourth Term Presidential drive in the form of attempted legislative pressure designed to retard or prevent the expected forthcoming invasion of the European continent. The most recent example is the demand of Representative Sumner, asking prompt action of the House Military Affairs Committee in the delaying of the European invasion and the concentrating of all-out effort against Japan. One of Sumner's legislative bills calls for the coordinating of all Pacific commands under General MacArthur and the immediate shipment to that theater of all equipment needed for total war. The other bill directs postponement of the European invasion until a proper assessment of the military value and the corresponding cost has been made. It is understood the bills have caused a division of opinion within the Committee with members lining up according to Party affiliations."

The reference letter stated that it was important that the instant message, mentioned above, be transmitted with the least possible delay, and that it would be entirely satisfactory to re-word this information in the manner which would be commonly used by TCM X.

The message mentioned in Item No. 1 above was placed in the French language by the Translation Division of the New York Field Office. On April 22, 1944, the French version of the proposed secret message was presented to Confidential Informant TCM X by Special Agent Robert Mahau, at 271 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. TCM X made very few changes in the French version, and a complete translation of the message as it now reads is as follows:

Item No. 2

"The Republicans in Congress are actively spearheading an anti-Administration Fourth Term Presidential drive; they do this by legislative pressure destined to retard or to prevent the expected invasion, forthcoming and well prepared, of the continent

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"of Europe. The most recent example is the demand made by Representative Sumner asking prompt action of the House Military Affairs Committee so that the European invasion be retarded and that the all-out effort be concentrated against Japan. One of Sumner's legislative bills calls for the coordination of all the Pacific Commands under the direction of General MacArthur and the immediate shipment to that theater of all equipment needed for total war. The other bill directs the postponement of the European invasion until a proper assessment of the military value and the cost of the enterprise has been made. It is understood the bills have caused division within the Committee, the members expressing their opinions according to their Party affiliations."

Also, on April 22, 1944, TCM X prepared an innocuous encircler letter dated Thursday, April 27, 1942, the translation of which reads as follows:

Item No. 3

"Dear Friend:

I thank you for your long and friendly letter which advises me of so many things, for which I thank you infinitely, for everything you tell me, concerning your health, that of your family and news of the country, that I love so much and that I miss much, always are very dear to me.

To day I will not write as long a letter as you did yourself. I have very little time; but I do not want to wait until I am more free to write you; I promise you my dear friend, that I will write to you at length before the end of next week; I have so many things to tell you and to ask you, concerning our many friends; concerning the country, and also I shall answer point by point everything in your letter.

You tell me that spring has arrived and that you begin to have warm days. Here, also, but it is not yet very warm; we have not begun to go to our summer home in the country. That has been retarded a little and we are making the necessary preparations in that respect. It is useless to tell you that I would prefer to spend this summer in our cool mountains. I hope that we will be able to do that soon; without doubt next summer.

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"I'll leave you my dear friend; I'm getting short on time; I should already be somewhere else, but I reiterate my promise not to allow the next week to pass without writing you at length.

While so waiting a thousand regards to you, to your family, and do believe in my devotion."

The secret message mentioned in Item No. 2 above was prepared on the innocuous en clair letter, mentioned in Item No. 3, by TOM X, on April 22, 1944. The message has been designated as No. 10, 1944.

The envelope was addressed to the SALES POLO mail drop and the innocuous en clair letter was signed PATRIC MARTY.

The pertinent work papers, as well as the envelope and original en clair letter transmitting the secret message have been photographed and photostated and were submitted to the Bureau on April 22, 1944.

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b7ECURRENT CORRESPONDENCE OF MR. and MRS. TOM X

Information regarding the correspondence mentioned below was obtained from a strictly confidential source and sets forth correspondence of Mr. and Mrs. TOM X which has come to the attention of Bureau Agents subsequent to the material last reflected in the reference report:

On April 21st, 1944 Mrs. TOM X received a letter dated April 18th, 1944 from L. VERNEUIL. The letter is of a personal nature. It has been called to attention by LUCILE V. TURNER-HIGH of the Translation Division of the New York Office that L. VERNEUIL is the pen name of LOUIS JACQUES MARIE COLLIN/Au BOGAGE.

On April 21st, 1944 TOM X received a letter from GREGORY RATOFF, dated April 18th, 1944. The letter enclosed a note to Mrs. TOM X. Translation of the letter and note read as follows:

Letter to TOM X

"Dear Friend,

Only yesterday I wrote to you that it had been two weeks since I had received a word from you or your wife. And today when I came on the set to begin my work, my secretary gave me a letter from you written April 15th.

You made me laugh a great deal when you said that the American-Russians are celebrating their holidays (festivities) twice, and that the Jews are celebrating three times. Unfortunately, I am celebrating nothing. The greatest celebration for me is Sunday when I can remain at home and listen to music. I don't know if you are aware that I have at home more than 6500 records, and I get intoxicated on music every time that I wish.

One single piece of news which I can give you is that, instead of taking a long vacation, I have accepted Mr. Zanuck's proposition to make another musical comedy, also in Technicolor, which is called 'MOB HILL'. And your compatriot, Mr. Andre Daven of Paris, is my producer. In fact, I am dictating this letter from his office, for it is the only place in Twentieth Century-Fox where, when you enter, you feel as if you were in Paris. In any case, I am to come to New York to finish my business with Columbia which owes me a great deal of money, and to see a great stomach specialist, because unfortunately my health is not satisfactory.

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" Last evening I worked on exteriors until 11 o'clock, and I had a very interesting visit from Doctor Abadie, who is a former member of General Charles de Gaulle's Government, and who came from Algiers with his daughter, who is his secretary, to visit Washington and all the principal cities of America. Louis Vernetil brought him to see me. We talked a great deal of military conditions, politics, and, in his opinion, no one will be able to enter Paris for at least two years. I know very well that you have a different opinion, and absolutely the opposite, and personally I hope that you are right.

I am going to write a note in Russian to Maria, but you can show her this letter in French, because I am sure that she will be very proud of her friend who now speaks French.

All my greetings and best wishes,

Always your

GREGORY

Note to Mrs. TOM X

"Dear Marusienka (endearing form of Marie),

In the letter to your husband I am sending you my greeting from Hollywood. I am working very hard, but soon my work will end. Sorry, that due to some conditions which are hard to explain in a letter, I will not be able to take the long rest I was dreaming of so much.

I shall tell you everything when I am in New York. Very anxious to see 'Carmen Jones' and several other plays. Do hope that Doodu will let you go with me to see the plays.

I cannot describe how tired I am.

Give all my love and tenderness to Tamara and Joseph. To you I am sending my best feelings.

Sincerely,

Your

Grisha".

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On April 21st, 1944 TOM X received a bill dated April 20th, 1944 from the Theodore B. Smith Company, Customs Brokers and Notary Public at 24 State Street, New York City. The bill indicated cartage and expenses incurred in the handling of the baggage of TOM X and reflected that \$30 had been paid by cash on an account amounting to \$60.18, thereby leaving a total of \$30.18.

On April 24th, 1944 TOM X received a bill from the H. S. Dorf Company dated April 22nd, 1944 amounting to \$52.40 for expenses incurred in the shipment of the baggage of TOM X from Algiers to New York.

TOM X received a letter from the Sheridan, McGloin & Hoisch Company, Inc., 43 South William Street, New York, New York, asking whether or not his personal effects have arrived as yet.

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COUNTESS RAISSA VAN DE KERCHOVE DE HALLERAST,
with alias Countess, De Kerchove

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 17, 1944, wherein it is requested that any possible connection between Mrs. TOM X and the above-captioned Countess be referred to the Bureau.

Reference is also made to New York letter dated April 5, 1944, advising the Bureau that there apparently had been no contacts between either Mr. or Mrs. TOM X and the Countess. However, on April 13, 16 and 19, 1944, Mrs. TOM X tried contacting the above-named Countess. On April 20, 1944 Mrs. TOM X spoke to the Countess and called her by her first name, the tone of the conversation indicating a close friendship. Mrs. TOM X informed the Countess that she had tried to reach her several times and that she would like to have cocktails with her at an early date, that BABULIA LANNING, previously identified in instant case, was planning on having the Countess, NINA SARACEVA (phonetic), identity unknown, and Mrs. TOM X visit her the following Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The Countess replied that she would like very much to see BABULIA and would advise Mrs. TOM X of a definite answer at a later time.

The above information was transmitted to the Bureau by teletype dated April 20, 1944.

On April 22, 1944 the Countess contacted Mrs. TOM X and informed the latter that she would be able to attend the party at BABULIA LANNING's. Mrs. TOM X informed that she would call for the Countess at 38 Central Park South at about 2:30 P.M. on Sunday.

On April 23, 1944 Mrs. TOM X advised Mrs. NOVOTNY that they had gone to visit BABULIA LANNING and that RAYA (apparently identical to the Countess) was there; that the latter sometimes lied about their school days. Mrs. TOM X informed that most of the conversation was about their school days, who married whom, etc. She told Mrs. NOVOTNY that RAYA took a taxi back and played a grand lady.

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b7EACTIVITIES OF MRS. TOM X AT LOS ANGELES

Confidential Informant , whose identity is known to the Bureau, has submitted ninety-four reports concerning the activities of Mrs. TOM X, while the latter was at Los Angeles, California. These reports were in the French and Russian languages and are now in the New York files of instant case. They have been translated by the Bureau and by the Translation Division of the New York Office, and the pertinent portions thereof are as follows:

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RATOFF advised Mrs. TOM X that he had dismissed RACOVER. Mrs. TOM X later informed RACOVER that she was dissatisfied because the maid would not take orders from her and because she did not have a car or enough money. Both complained about RATOFF and criticized him severely.

RATOFF advised MARY BRAN that the concert of Mrs. TOM X was to be the 15th of March and said he would send MARY BRAN a check in advance.

RATOFF was advised by one YASHECHKA (Russian for JACOB) that he did not believe Mrs. TOM X had a voice warranting a concert. RATOFF stated he was in full agreement but he still wanted to go along with the concert and would appreciate anything YASHECHKA could do for him in that respect.

TOM X told Mrs. TOM X that he was working for the General Staff.

RATOFF informed MARY BRAN that Mrs. TOM X is never at his place before two in the morning; that they have to be careful for the servants and that he does not worry as she is very discreet.

DAIMATOFF warned Mrs. TOM X against MESTOVY (LEONATCHKA ?). He told her to caution RATOFF since this man talks about everyone and says very terrible things. DAIMATOFF stated that MESTOVY had said FEDAR CHALIAPIN was working for the Gestapo and that he, DAIMATOFF, was warned against BORIS ENGSTEN (phonetic), a writer, who is supposed to belong to Cheka.

Mrs. TOM X asked TOM X if he was busy. He replied that he was busying himself with many things of major importance. She inquired if "they" were paying him anything at all.

RACOVER then asked TOM X when he was leaving and expressed surprise upon hearing that TOM X was working with the Army.

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Mrs. TOM X was anxious to find out from Mrs. NOVOTNY what TOM X was doing and if he was contemplating to leave. RATOFF then inquired if TOM X suspected anything and Mrs. NOVOTNY advised him in the negative. Later Mrs. TOM X informed Mrs. NOVOTNY that RATOFF does not have as much money as some people think, that at one time he had quite a fortune but apparently lost most of it playing cards.

RACOVER advised Mrs. TOM X that he was pleased to hear that TOM X works for the American Army and hopes it does not prevent him doing what is necessary in order to go to Algiers.

RATOFF again inquired of Mrs. NOVOTNY if TOM X suspected anything. Mrs. NOVOTNY replied in the negative. RATOFF stated if TOM X leaves for Algiers all of them will return to California and he asked her to telegraph him in case she learns that TOM X is suspecting anything.

Mrs. DAVENPORT informed Mrs. TOM X that she wants to send dresses back to Mrs. TOM X immediately as otherwise they will get into trouble. She stated that many inquiries have been made of her re the dresses and Mrs. DAVENPORT warned Mrs. TOM X that in the event she is questioned it will be wise to say the dresses were loaned. Mrs. TOM X informed Mrs. DAVENPORT to contact TOM X and tell him what she, Mrs. DAVENPORT, had just told her.

RATOFF apologized to Mrs. TOM X for something he had done. He told her that he loves her very dearly and that his whole life is devoted to her. He promised Mrs. TOM X, who was crying, not to ever do "that" again.

Immediately afterwards RACOVER and Mrs. TOM X entered into a conversation concerning RATOFF. They commented on remarks of RATOFF made the previous evening, in front of the Verneulls. Roth agreed that it was very uncalled for. Mrs. TOM X seemed to be disheartened, about something. RACOVER advised her to go back to New York after the concert. He said it would not do to go back before for TOM X would wonder what happened.

RATOFF later begged Mrs. TOM X to forgive him. He told her that he is devoted only to her.

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RACOVER advised Mrs. TOM X to take advantage of the opportunity so that she would be able to do what she wants when she returns to New York. Mrs. TOM X sounded extremely sad. RACOVER told her not to worry and that now since she knows what to make of the situation she might as well be after her own interests and get all she can. Mrs. TOM X stated it was a mistake but that at least she will try to get something out of it; it is better to know now than later. RACOVER and Mrs. TOM X told each other that RATOFF is not sincere; that he talks too much. RACOVER told Mrs. TOM X that since now she is certain RATOFF has a line she should have a better one than he and should act as if nothing had happened. They reviewed all the faults of RATOFF. From the ensuing conversation it would appear that RATOFF talks too much, especially about his relationship with Mrs. TOM X. RACOVER said that RATOFF had told him he feared TOM X. Both of them thought it ridiculous and stated that RATOFF is not consistent since TOM X could very well call the apartment of Mrs. TOM X in the middle of the night and not find her there. They stated RATOFF's wife was supposed to return in April, as well as his mother and they agreed that the adventure between RATOFF and Mrs. TOM X will be closed when she returns to New York right after her concert. They insisted that RATOFF is full of stories and does not keep his word.

She told RACOVER that RATOFF had suggested that she stay in Los Angeles to study her singing but that she does not want to.

Mrs. TOM X told TAMARA NOVOYNY to advise TOM X that he must see Mrs. DAVENPORT about the dresses without any delay and to tell TOM X that she, Mrs. TOM X, has written to him. Mrs. TOM X asked Mrs. NOVOYNY if TOM X was working in New York.

MARY BRAN told Mrs. TOM X that she was upset because RATOFF had given tickets to MOSTOVOY, who was going around giving them out, saying people should attend the concert as a favor to RATOFF. BRAN informed that such actions were stirring up a stink and that something had to be done about it. BRAN continued by stating that she had received a letter from New York to the effect that RATOFF was crazy about Mrs. TOM X; that she BRAN wrote back and advised they were childhood friends.

Mrs. TOM X told RATOFF she had talked to TOM X and that he did not suspect anything. Later in conversation with DALMATOFF she advised she would be leaving for New York the 20th so people will think she stayed only for the concert; that RATOFF wrote to his lawyer advising that his wife

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could come and see for herself how things stood.

Mrs. TOM X informed MARY BRAN that she had not slept. She was crying and told BRAN she had had a fight with RATOFF. BRAN advised Mrs. TOM X to put compresses on her eyes and take it easy. RATOFF then made amends to Mrs. TOM X and later promised MARY BRAN a job with SELZNICK if the concert of Mrs. TOM X goes off smoothly.

MARY BRAN informed Mrs. TOM X that RATOFF was almost insane over the fact that he had insulted her. BRAN continued by advising she had written to someone in New York to advise LISICHKINA (music teacher of Mrs. TOM X) not to talk and that the money for the concert was given by RACOVER, formerly TOM X's private secretary, and that RATOFF was only a childhood friend of Mrs. TOM X. RATOFF said he would give TOM X the name of his lawyers in New York with whom TOM X could always cash his check.

During the period covered by the reports mentioned above there were many conversations between Mrs. TOM X, MARY BRAN and RACOVER, in which preparations were made for the concert of Mrs. TOM X. There were also conversations between RATOFF and Mrs. TOM X wherein they exchanged endearments.

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b7EMISCELLANEOUSERIC RUDOLF ADLER

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 3, 1944, submitting two copies of a memorandum dated March 6, 1944, relative to certain material brought by ADLER into the United States at Miami, Florida on February 4, 1944. A photograph of ADLER was enclosed with the reference letter.

On April 22, 1944 the above-mentioned photograph of ADLER was exhibited to TOM X. The latter said the person appeared familiar but he could not identify him. After being allowed to see the name on the photograph, TOM X said he thought ERIC RUDOLF ADLER is a brother of PABLO ADLER, whose name TOM X had in his diary and who has previously been identified in instant case. He stated that he does not know ERIC but that the latter resembles PABLO very much.

LUISA ANDREA SANIANVILLE DE RIGATO

Under date of April 20, 1944 the Bureau advised that LUISA ANDREA SANIANVILLE de RIGATO, presently at Buenos Aires, is an applicant for a United States visa and has also requested a Panamanian transit visa. It was stated that this individual was born in France February 3, 1904 and possesses a passport (believed to be French) No. 2508652, issued by the police of Buenos Aires March 6, 1944. She desires to join her husband, PEDRO JORGE RIGATO, in Hollywood, and is said to have resided in France until 1940. Her references are listed as FELIX PIAZZA, 2449 Calle Arenales, Buenos Aires, and JUAN CARLOS LOPEZ LACARRERE, 1083 Calle Arroyo, Buenos Aires. The Bureau advised that there was no previous record on FELIX PIAZZA, but that PEDRO JORGE RIGATO is apparently known to Mr. and Mrs. TOM X.

MICROPHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY TOM X

Reference is made to page twelve in the report of Special Agent Wendell R. Stoops dated at New York, New York March 17, 1944 and to Bureau teletype dated April 15, 1944 setting forth information concerning the above captioned matter.

By letter dated April 20, 1944 the Bureau advised the following concerning the microphotographs which Tom X states were given to him by his German principals and which he has given to the Bureau.

There is handwriting appearing on the back of the photographs. The handwriting in each of the three sets carried by Tom X

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contains the same wording on each respective photograph other than #5 and #6 of the set found in the jar of cold cream which have the added words "Marie Louise" and "Istamboul" added respectively.

It was concluded that the handwriting appearing on the three sets of microphotographs was prepared by one person, but no conclusion could be reached whether this handwriting was written by Tom I because the handwriting appearing on the microphotographs is not sufficiently adequate for comparison purposes.

The handwriting appearing on the back of the microphotographs was compared with material of a similar nature contained in the file of writings pertaining to National Security without effecting an identification.

The French phrase beginning "separer" indicates the manner in which the letter "I" is to be used in the cipher system. "Marie Louise" and "Istamboul" are key words. The two letter groups on the back of the microphotographs are the first and last groups on various pages of the dictionary code. The material on the reverse side of the microphotographs is of no cryptographic significance.

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In accordance with the letter dated August 5, 1943 from Assistant Director E. J. Connelley to the Bureau, leads in this case will be set forth to the various field divisions by letter, with copies of each letter being transmitted to the Bureau.

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